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extra commercial usage in the hotels etc., so that the Budget Hotels are promoted.

(c) The names of some of the hotels in Chandigarh costing less than Rs. 1000 are Amar, Alankar, Chandigarh, Divyadeep, Gravity, Jullundur, Samrat and Satyadeep.

**Development of tourist places in Ajmer and
Pushkar region**

†1451. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sent proposals to the Central Government for development of tourist places in Ajmer and Pushkar region;

(b) whether these proposals also include the proposal of cleaning and conservation of famous Tirathraj Pushkar lake and cleanliness of world known Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti's Dargah area and maintenance, of its nearby roads and construction of a Vishram Sthal; and

(c) the details of the decision taken by the Central Government on the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs.434.04 lakh has been sanctioned for Integrated Development of Pushkar in District Ajmer in the year 2005-06.

Following projects have been prioritized for the State of Rajasthan in the year 2006-07.

Destination

1. Ajmer Sharif
2. Jaisalmer

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Circuits

1. Eco Tourism Circuit
2. Floodlighting of monuments

Events/Festivals

1. Heritage Festival
2. Rajasthan Day Celebration
3. Pushkar Fair
4. Desert Festival

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

A list of projects sanctioned for the State of Rajasthan during the Tenth Plan period is enclosed as Statement.

Statement*Development of Tourist Places in Ajmer and Pushkar Region*

Statement showing projects sanctioned to the State of Rajasthan during
Tenth Plan

| | | (Rs. in lakh) |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| SI. Name of Projects/Scheme No. | | Amount sanctioned |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <hr/> 2002-2003 | | |
| 1. | SEL Show at Kumbhalgarh | 195.00 |
| 2. | SEL Show at Chittorgarh | 206.10 |
| 3. | General lighting at Kumbhalgarh | 33.60 |
| 4. | Signages | 25.00 |
| S. | Public Utility Complexes at Ramgarh, Fatehpur, Nawalgarh, Dhundlod, Mukundgarh, Mandawa, Kuchhaman | 92.00 |

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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 6. | Upgradation of transport terminal at mandawa, Mukundgarh, Nawalgarh | 75.00 |
| 7. | Jaipur heritage Week Celebration | 15.00 |
| 8. | Public Utility Complex at Amer Fort, Kawa Mahal and Albest Hall | 54.00 |
| 9. | Landscaping plantation fencing illumination at Fatehpur, Nawalgarh, Mandawa, Khimsar, Ramgarh, Dhundlod | 105.00 |
| 10. | Lok Rang Festival | 5.00 |
| 11. | Conservation of Nahargarh Fort | 100.00 |
| 12. | Conservation and Restoration of Buland Darwaza. Chisti Dargah and Chattries of Nagaur | 103.00 |
| 13. | Conservation Restoration and Development of Royal Cenotaph and Devikund Sagar, Bikaner | 90.00 |
| TOTAL: | | 1098.70 |
| 2003-2004 | | |
| 1. | Restoration work at Jaisalmer Fort | 82.30 |
| 2. | Purchase of Swiss Cottages, Deluxe Cottages & Luxury cottages for Pushkar | 100.00 |
| 3. | Integrated development of Pushkar under destination development | 500.00 |
| | (i) Dormitories for Visitors at Mela Ground at Pushkar | 150.00 |
| | (ii) Stadium and tent platform at Pushkar | 74.48 |
| | (iii) Sulabh Sauchalaya at Mela Ground at Pushkar | 14.09 |
| | (iv) Development works at Pushkar Ghats | 261.43 |
| 4. | Civil & Electric Works at Kumbhalgarh Fort | 89.36 |
| 5. | Civil & Electric works concerning SEL Show at Chittorgarh Fort | 7075 |
| 6. | Construction of Visharamsthal at Dargah Sharif at Ajmer | 187.00 |
| 7. | Renovation of Visharamsthal at Pushkar road, Ajmer | 68.50 |
| 8. | Development works at Chetak Samadhi at Haldi Ghati | 52.08 |
| 9. | Development works at Rakt Talai at Haldi Ghati | 92.82 |
| 10. | Development works at Badshahi Bagh at Haldi Ghati | 82.66 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 11. | Development of Masuria Hills (Veer Durga Das Smarak), Jodhpur | 152.34 |
| 12. | Development of Samode Village (Distt. Jaipur) | 50.00 |
| 13. | Development of Neemrana Village (Distt. Alwar) | 50.00 |
| 14. | Virasat Festival, Jaipur | 15.00 |
| TOTAL: | | 1410.51 |
| 2004-05 | | |
| 1. | Development of National Capital Region Tourist Circuit in Rajasthan under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit | 738.00 |
| 2. | Development of Hadoti Tourist Circuit in Rajasthan under scheme for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit | 725.10 |
| 3. | Mounting of Sound & Light Show at Amber Fort, Jaipur | 129.26 |
| 4. | Development of an Elephant Village (Hathi Gram) at Amber, Jaipur | 492.18 |
| 5. | IT Project Scheme for translation of the existing Rajasthan tourism portal into five other languages | 24.42 |
| 6. | Development of Amber Fort Complex at Jaipur | 333.33 |
| 7. | Jaipur Heritage International Festival, 2005 | 15.00 |
| 8. | GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Samode in Jaipur Distt. | 20.00 |
| 9. | GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Haldighati in Rajasamand Distt. | 19.32 |
| 10. | GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Neemrana in Alwar Distt. | 20.00 |
| 11. | Organizing Paragliding | 2.45 |
| TOTAL: | | 2519.06 |
| 2005-06 | | |
| 1. | Mounting of Sound and Light Show at Amber Fort, Jaipur | 129.26 |
| 2. | Development of Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar at Jaipur under Destination Development Scheme | 464.32 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 3. | Integrated Development of Mewar-Vagad Circuit comprising of places in Udaipur-Rajasamand-Chittorgarh-Banswara-Doongarpur districts as Tourist Circuit | 580.00 |
| 4. | Development of Brij Bhoomi religious Tourist circuit comprising of Mathura, Vrindavan, Barsana, Jheel, Kalia Devi, Poonchari, Neelkanth, Bharthrihari in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh | 477.07 |
| 5. | Integrated Development of Pushkar (District Ajmer as a Tourist Destination) | 434.04 |
| 6. | Celebration of Jaipur Heritage International Festival, 2006 | 15.00 |
| TOTAL: | | 2099.69 |
| 2006-07 | | |
| 1. | Integrated Development of Udaipur as a Tourist Destination | 276.68 |
| 2. | Conservation, Restoration and Preservation of Gargoon Fort, Jhalawar Distt., Rajasthan under Destination Dev. Scheme | 281.71 |
| 3. | Rajasthan Day, 2007 | 10.00 |
| 4. | Jaipur Heritage International Festival, 2007 | 10.00 |
| 5. | Pushkar Fair, 2006 | 05.00 |
| 6. | Desert Festival, 2007 | 05.00 |
| TOTAL: | | 588.39 |

Promotion of tourism in Orissa

1452. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism can contribute to Gross Domestic Product in a big way and generate ample employment opportunities in the backward regions;

(b) whether tourism has not picked up substantially in the backward State of Orissa, though it has good potential in this sector, as it gets one of the lowest tourist headcount in the country;